



Dr. LaQuandra S. Nesbitt
Director

Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt, a board-certified family physician, joined the Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness as director in July of 2011. She oversees a staff of 300 and an annual budget of \$23 million. She is also an adjunct faculty member at the University of Louisville School of Public Health and Information Sciences.

Before coming to Louisville Dr. Nesbitt served as Senior Deputy Director for the Community Health Administration (CHA) at the District of Columbia Department of Health. Her work there focused on improving health outcomes for targeted populations by promoting coordination within the health care system, by enhancing access to prevention, medical care and support services, and by fostering public participation in the design and implementation of programs for District of Columbia families.

Dr. Nesbitt previously served as the Senior Deputy Director for the Center for Policy, Planning, and Evaluation which includes the State Center for Health Statistics (SCHS) and the State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA). There she was responsible for conducting health planning, policy formulation and regulatory activities in the District of Columbia as well as the collection, statistical analyses, maintenance, and dissemination of vital records data.

Prior to joining the DC Department of Health, Dr. Nesbitt was Assistant Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine and the Senior Coordinator for Health Disparities and Policy Research Initiatives in the Office of Policy & Planning at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. Her responsibilities encompassed providing primary care services to patients in inner-city Baltimore including adolescent health services, preventive medicine services, and chronic disease management with an emphasis on hypertension and diabetes care.

Dr. Nesbitt received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, her medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine, and a Master of Public Health in Health Care Management and Policy from the Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Nesbitt completed an internship in family medicine at the University Hospitals of Cleveland/Case Western Reserve University and her family medicine residency in the University of Maryland's Department of Family Medicine where she served as chief resident. Dr. Nesbitt completed her fellowship training with the Commonwealth Fund Harvard University Fellowship in Minority Health Policy.